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SUBJECT: BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC/OFFICIAL VISA FACILITATION-
TDY MULTIPLE ENTRIES

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1. DURING VISA NEGOTIATING SESSION MAY 25 HAITI STATED
COH COULD AGREE TO RECIPROCAL ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO TDY
OFFICIAL VISITORS VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR PERIOD OF
UP TO SIX MONTHS, NO ONE YEAR. HAITI ADDED THAT GOH
COULD AGREE ALSO TO PROVISION OF SUCH VISAS TO PRIVATE PASSPORT
HOLDERS MAKING PERSONAL VISITS TO EMBASSY BUDAPEST STAFF
MEMBERS (SUCH PRIVATE APPLICANTS, USUALLY HOUSEGUESTS, ARE
EMBRACED BY PRESENT RECIPROCAL NO-FEE COURTESY-VISA ARRANGE-
MENTS). HAITI EXPLAINED THAT HUNGARIAN VISA RULES PRESENTLY
STIPULATE MAXIMUM SIX-MONTH-VALIDITY VISAS EXCEPT FOR
PERMANENTLY-ACCREDITED OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, HE CAREFULLY
NOTED THAT AGREEMENT TO SIX MONTHS WAS "FOR THE PRESENT," AND
STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT GOH MIGHT AMEND ITS VISA SYSTEM BEFORE
VERY LONG TO ALLOW MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR UP TO A YEAR.

2. HAITI EXPOUNDED GOH INTERPRETATION OF USG PROPOSAL
PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH, AND RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE BE MODIFIED AND
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SIMPLIFIED SO THIS AGREEMENT COULD BE COHERENT WHOLE ON ITS
OWN WITHOUT CROSS-REFERENCE TO APRIL 7, 1976 AGREEMENT.
EXCEPT FOR SIX MONTHS RATHER THAN ONE YEAR LIMIT AND ONE
OTHER POINT, GOH'S UNDERSTANDING CORRESPONDS TO U.S. VIEWS.
THE ONE OTHER POINT IS THAT GOH IS WILLING TO ISSUE TEMPORARY
VISITORS AND TRANSITEES MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS IN EVEN LESS

THAN SEVEN DAYS PROVIDED URGENCY IS SPECIFIED AT TIME OF VISA APPLICATION AND TRAVEL DATA ARE PROVIDED. EMBASSY FEELS WE CAN AGREE TO THIS.

3. HAITS CONFIRMED THAT TEMPORARY VISITORS AND TRANSITEES WOULD RECEIVE THEIR MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS DIRECTLY FROM HUNGARIAN VISA-ISSUING POSTS ABROAD. EMBASSY BUDAPEST STAFF MEMBERS ASSIGNED FOR FULL TOURS OF DUTY WOULD, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SINGLE-ENTRY VISAS WHICH WOULD THEN BE CONVERTED BY MFA TO MULTIPLE-ENTRIES AFTER VISA HOLDER'S ARRIVAL AT BUDAPEST. (COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO DIFFICULTY WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT. SEE REF. D.)

4. HAITS SAID GOH WISHES TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT BY EXCHANGE-OF-NOTES, AND DESIRES SOME TIME BETWEEN CONCLUSION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ALERT VISA-ISSUING POSTS OF NEW PROCEDURES. HAITS AND CONSUL AGREED THAT ONE MONTH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

5. HAITS STATED VISAS SHOULD BE APPLIED FOR BY NOTE VERBALE. HE EXPRESSED GOH'S HOPE THAT MULTIPLE ENTRIES WOULD NOT BE ABUSED OR "USED EXCESSIVELY," AND WOULD BE REQUIRED ONLY IN

CASES OF PRACTICAL NECESSITY. CONSUL REPLIED THIS WAS ALSO OUR VIEW. HE ILLUSTRATED THAT U.S. PROPOSAL DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ISSUANCE OF FULL-VALIDITY MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS IN EVERY CASE BUT RATHER ISSUANCE OF VISAS VALID UP TO SIX MONTHS/MULTIPLE ENTRIES AS REQUIRED BY TRAVELERS' CIRCUMSTANCES. VISAS OF SHORTER DURATION COULD ALSO BE ISSUED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAITS ACCEPTED POINT COMMENTING THAT GOH AS WELL SEES NO REASON TO ISSUE VISAS FOR VALIDITY PERIODS LONGER THAN TRAVELERS' NEEDS REQUIRE.

6. CONSUL AGREED TO PRESENT NEW DRAFT NOTE FOR FINAL WORKING-OUT OF DETAILS. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO PRESENT FOLLOWING DRAFT NOTE. THIS IS NOT AN AGREED TEXT, BUT REFLECTS ACCURATELY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND GOH IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO. LANGUAGE MIGHT BE REVISED SOMEWHAT FURTHER AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

7. BEING DRAFT NOTE. COMPLIMENTARY OPENING... AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL OF THE (USG) ON BILATERAL VISA FACILITATION.

(A) THE (USG) IS PREPARED, IN RETURN FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT BY THE (GOH) OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS VISITING THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST TEMPORARILY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, OR TRANSITING HUNGARY ON OFFICIAL

BUSINESS, TO NORMALLY ISSUE ON THE SEVENTH DAY AFTER APPLICATIONS ARE PRESENTED TO A U.S. VISA-ISSUING OFFICE, NONIMMIGRANT VISAS VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES DURING PERIODS OF UP TO SIX MONTHS TO HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS VISITING HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES ON TEMPORARY OFFICIAL BUSINESS, OR TRANSITING THE UNITED STATES ON TEMPORARY OFFICIAL BUSINESS, OR TRANSITING THE UNITED STATES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. THE (USG) IS SIMILARLY PREPARED ALSO TO ISSUE SUCH VISAS TO HOLDERS OF HUNGARIAN PRIVATE PASSPORTS APPLYING FOR COURTESY VISAS TO MAKE PERSONAL VISITS TO STAFF MEMBERS OF HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

(B) APPLICATIONS FOR MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY NOTE VERBALE INDICATING THE PERIOD - UP TO SIX MONTHS - FOR WHICH IT IS REQUESTED THE VISA BE VALID, AND CONTAINING A STATEMENT THAT THE (GOH) EXPECTS THAT THE VISA HOLDER WILL NEED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TRAVEL REPEATEDLY TO HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES OR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ON OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. APPLICATIONS OF PERSONS SEEKING MULTIPLE-ENTRY COURTESY VISAS IN PRIVATE PASSPORTS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT SPECIFYING NEED FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES.

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(C) THE (USG) IS PREPARED TO NORMALLY ISSUE VISAS VALID FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR SINGLE, DOUBLE, OR MULTIPLE ENTRIES TO HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS VISITING HUNGARIAN MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND TO COURTESY VISAS APPLICANTS, IN LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS, EVEN IMMEDIATELY, WHEN URGENCY IS SPECIFIED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION AND TRAVEL DATA ARE PROVIDED. THE (USG) PROPOSES THAT THIS NOTE TOGETHER WITH THE HUNGARIAN REPLY NOTE SPECIFYING RECIPROCAL TREATMENT CONSTITUTE THE FORMAL AGREEMENT ON THE MATTER BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, WITH ENTRY INTO FORCE ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE NOTES ARE EXCHANGED. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

8. WHEN PRESENTING ABOVE DRAFT NOTE CONSUL WOULD VERBALLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS. (A) USG INTENDS MULTIPLE-ENTRY FACILITATION FOR SAME CATEGORIES OF DIPLOMATS/OFFICIALS ADDRESSED BY THE APRIL 7, 1976 SEVEN-DAY AGREEMENT (I.E., A, C-3 AND G), AS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER HUNGARIAN HOLDERS OF "OFFICIAL" PASSPORTS SUCH AS STATE TRADING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES. (B) USG WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO EXTENDING VALIDITY PERIOD TO ONE YEAR ON BASIS RECIPROCITY. (C) IN CASES OF U.S. PRIVATE APPLICANTS FOR HUNGARIAN COURTESY VISAS EMBASSY BUDAPEST WOULD PROVIDE OFFICIAL SUPPORT STATEMENT TO MFA, NOT DEPARTMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATE TO HUNGEMB. THIS IS OUR PRESENT ARRANGEMENT, BY WHICH MFA IS ASSURED THAT APPLICANT IS EXPECTED BY EMBASSY STAFFER AND DULY AUTHORIZES VISA TO BE ISSUED AT HUNGARIAN POST WHERE APPLICATION IS PRESENTED. THE PROCEDURE ELIMINATES NEED BY APPLICANTS IN U.S. TO SEEK OFFICIAL SUPPORT BY DEPARTMENT, WHICH MAY NOT KNOW THEM. (FYI: RECIPIENTS OF HUNGARIAN COURTESY VISAS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO NORMAL TOURIST MANDATORY PER-DAY HARD-CURRENCY EXCHANGE NOR TO POLICE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT. COURTESY VISAS ARE, THEREFORE, A MEANINGFUL CONVENIENCE FOR EMBASSY STAFFERS' HOUSEGUESTS.)

9. HUNGARIAN A, C-3, AND G APPLICANTS WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE INELIGIBLE FOR U.S. VISAS UNDER INA SECTION 212(A)(28) BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS, BUT PRIVATE COURTESY-VISA APPLICANTS COULD BE. OIC, INS VIENNA HAS ASSURED US THAT MULTIPLE-ENTRY (28) WAIVERS FOR SUCH APPLICANTS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM. APPA 22 CFR 41.95 NOTE 7 PERTAINS. MUDD

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